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## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OPENS NEW BANK-FISHING ACCESS AREA-- WIN FREE LUNCH AND CAMPING!**

*by Emily Gross, Park Ranger Co-op, John H. Kerr Reservoir*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at John H. Kerr Reservoir has recently opened a new bank-fishing area located on Route 4, directly south of John H. Kerr Dam. The area has been a popular bank-fishing spot for many years, noted especially for its striped bass. With the popularity of the site, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers believed it would be beneficial to the public to improve the site for continued bank-fishing.

The Corps' Operations and Maintenance contractor, Cube Incorporated with Ferguson-Williams, has done an excellent job of developing a gravel parking lot and installing picnic tables and grills. Due to their hard work, the fishing area is ninety-five percent complete and is now open for the public to enjoy.

Like all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Areas, alcohol is not permitted and any reports of vandalism may be directed to the Visitor Assistance Center at John H. Kerr Reservoir or to Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office. There is no "safe swim" area available, therefore the wearing of a lifejacket is recommended if you plan to go into the water. Swimming directly in front of the dam is a significant safety hazard and is prohibited.

The Corps is also holding a contest for the naming of the new area. The person whose entry is chosen will win two nights of free camping at North Bend Park as well as lunch with Operations Manager Joe Tanner. All name suggestions may be submitted to the Visitor Assistance Center at (804) 738-6143 or 1930 Mays Chapel Rd., Boynton, Va. 23917.

